

Abstract

An interface for personal communications systems is described which provides rapid identification of a caller and limited access based on a
5 variety of parameters obtained from caller identification information encoded by
the telephone company. The incoming telephone call information is compared to
a preprogrammed access matrix to determine if the caller is authorized to access
the personal communications system connected to the interface. A telephone call
screening method and apparatus which incorporates the encoded caller
10 identification is also described.

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